

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14 and 16-20 are active in this application.

Claim 22 has been canceled and its limitations have been included in Claims 1, 12, 18 and 19. No new matter has been added.

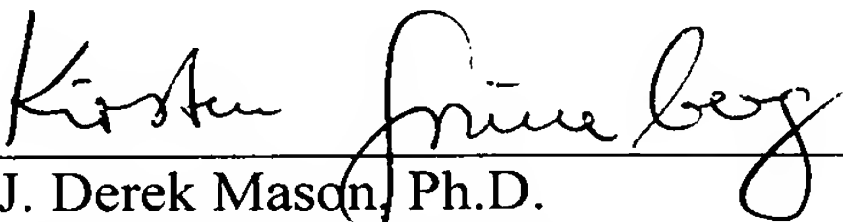
Since the limitations of allowable Claim 22 were included in Claims 1, 12, 18 and 19, the case is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicants note that MPEP §821.04 states, "if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined." Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 19 includes all limitations of allowable Claim 1. Thus, Claims 19 and 20 should be rejoined.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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